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For The Record

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called [REDACTED] (RA3/11AS) today re: final disposition of the OSS ground photos - (accord my records - 402³ ft. of film - George thought somewhere over 500³) -

all film currently stored at [REDACTED] in the "cold room."

Docs were offered to NIAS sometime ago - Geo. just recd answer fr. NIAS part went - "NOT INTERESTED." Photos not subject to researching etc.

almost all photos were logged & recorded when rec'd from "donor." Most photos were duplicated & orig. returned to owner. Evidence in f.l. that many not returned after failure to locate owner.

NIAS has informally (will send formal memo next wk) for return of some 11 group of films which were inadvertently mixed in w/ OSS collection when they returned them to us.

Agency will now offer 1st to L.B.J. Library - & then possibly to some Univ. or other institution.

update

VSS
PTT/TOS
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1. OGC reviewing question 3,
ownership [REDACTED]

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2. Review underway with NPIC to
det if photos are only duplicates -

3. [REDACTED]

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to NARS sets with legality
of "using" these photos. If, as
originally promised the contributor,
that the photos will not be
published or released w/o approval
of the donor — then there is a
legal hold down on placing
photos in NARS & in public domain.

Nars wants only if they have clear
title. OGC must tell me

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OSS Appr'd 1/27: C 60001-1 STATINTL
PHOTO 877178 5,580 297 165
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The 402 ft. show up on the
memo of Dec. 1977.

There are:

402 ft film

ground
"OSS photos"

No job order no

417 archive boxes
20 ft negatives

Some

Labeled as:

photos, negatives & source cards

① 1439/40 opened up 195
regarding all cities printed
photo in now countries.
② kept 3 source
of photo

"Inventoried" by County & in boxes

Ready for shipment to MARS 8880

Q what or how is collection classified?

Q what does "inventoried" mean?

Q what are the source cards?

Q what does "Ready" mean?

Q who determined this collection is permanent?

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OSS review team. For declassification?

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for my add
will let me

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Subj: OSS ground photos held [REDACTED]
 (approx 417 cu ft)

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[REDACTED] - by phone:

(a) This group of photos were simply sent
 [REDACTED] - NO retirement order and NO
 JOB or LOT No. on these documents.

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It appears these photos, negatives & source cards
 were "pushed down". [REDACTED] to set man [REDACTED] STATINTL
 of safer at Hqs. (Probably those vandals the
 records hoped that someone would destroy
 them w/o further to do.)

(b) This collection in essence consists of
 photographic & Negatives supplied by various U.S.
 Sndry. U.S. cts. To help the war effort. prob.
 around 1939/1940 US Govt sent out request for
 photos w/w ... Indiv. U.S. cts responded providing
 these photos "on loan." Each donor was provided
 a Receipt.

(c) Col. Tagge, NARS, has indicated interest in
 acquiring this collection but is concerned over
 ownership of the photos — i.e. does the agency
 own them or do they still belong to the
 indiv. donor? It may be necessary for
 the Agency to search out the old owners and
 offer to return the photos. This matter should be
 discussed with DDC.

(d) NPIC does not want the collection... they have already
 made duplicates of those they want.

(e) Next step is ours - photos not removed &
 remain classified. By question is who owns these photos?

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[REDACTED]
not f. NAMS
re: ownership of
these ^{or} photos - she
has gone to OGC.

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[REDACTED]